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Reasons for deferment of the presentation of draft country programme documents

Summary

This note, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/17, explains the reasons for deferment of the presentation of the draft country programme documents of Argentina, Guatemala and Uganda from the annual session to the second regular session.

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I. Eastern and Southern Africa

Uganda (2010-2014)

1. The Government of Uganda has completed an evaluation of its National Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP) and is preparing a National Development Plan (NDP). With the approval of the Regional Directors' Team, the United Nations country team agreed to harmonize its planning process with the timing of the preparation of the National Development Plan (NDP) by shortening the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and five-year country programmes of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNICEF and the World Food Programme (WFP) by one year. The NDP and the UNDAF are both expected to be launched in July 2009. The draft country programme documents of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP are expected to be validated by the Government and other stakeholders following the issuance of the NDP, and will be submitted to the 2009 second regular sessions of their respective Executive Boards.

II. The Americas and the Caribbean

Argentina (2010-2014)

2. The current country programme of UNDP for Argentina was extended by one year, until the end of 2009, to allow for the new programming cycle to coincide with that of the new UNDAF (2010-2014) and to be better aligned with national priorities and programmes. With the approval of the Regional Director, the UNICEF office in Argentina agreed to harmonize its programming cycle with that of UNDP. Therefore, both UNDP and UNICEF will submit their new draft country programme documents for Argentina (2010-2014) to the 2009 second regular session of their Executive Boards.

Guatemala (2010-2014)

3. The Government and the United Nations system have made progress in the UNDAF process, developing the Common Country Assessment and setting up inter-agency work groups for formulating the UNDAF. However, the country's complex social and economic vulnerability, due to recent major natural disasters (heavy rains and floods) affecting the entire country and exacerbated by the global economic crisis, has not allowed the process to move forward at the anticipated pace. In consultation with national counterparts, the United Nations country team expects the UNDAF for 2010-2014, as well as the draft country programme documents of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, to be finalized by June 2009. The deferment of the presentation of the draft country programme documents to the 2009 second regular session of their respective Executive Boards will permit finalizing the UNDAF and aligning the draft country programme documents with national priorities.

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